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**KAR-BEN**  
PUBLISHING

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 23 nisan EDK CLASS	<b>2</b> 24 nisan	<b>3</b> 25 nisan HS	<b>4</b> 26 nisan COMMUNITY YOM HASHOAH SERVICE	<b>5</b> 27 nisan MUSSAR  YOM HASHOAH	<b>6</b> 28 nisan  CHAI SCHOOL POTLUCK DINNER SNS ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE OBSERVED	<b>7</b> 29 nisan   Acharei Mot
<b>8</b> 30 nisan  ROSH CHODESH MOTHERS DAY	<b>9</b> 1 iyar  ROSH CHODESH	<b>10</b> 2 iyar HS	<b>11</b> 3 iyar MAJ TOURNAMENT  YOM HAZIKARON OBSERVED	<b>12</b> 4 iyar LAST MUSSAR BOARD MEETING  YOM HAATZMA'UT OBSERVED	<b>13</b> 5 iyar  CHAI SCHOOL	<b>14</b> 6 iyar  TNT  Kedoshim
<b>15</b> 7 iyar SILICON VALLEY ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION	<b>16</b> 8 iyar	<b>17</b> 9 iyar HS - LAST CLASS EMETH READS	<b>18</b> 10 iyar	<b>19</b> 11 iyar LORDS TABLE	<b>20</b> 12 iyar  LAST DAY OF CHAI SCHOOL BBQ & MACCABIAD END OF SCHOOL EDK OVERNIGHT	<b>21</b> 13 iyar   Emor
<b>22</b> 14 iyar	<b>23</b> 15 iyar  VICTORIA DAY CANADA	<b>24</b> 16 iyar	<b>25</b> 17 iyar	<b>26</b> 18 iyar  LAG BA'OMER	<b>27</b> 19 iyar  SHABBAT AT HOME	<b>28</b> 20 iyar   Behar
<b>29</b> 21 iyar	<b>30</b> 22 iyar  MEMORIAL DAY	<b>31</b> 23 iyar				

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			1 <small>24 iyar</small>	2 <small>25 iyar</small>	3 <small>26 iyar</small>  SHABBAT POTLUCK DINNER & MUSICAL PROGRAM	4 <small>27 iyar</small> 
5 <small>28 iyar</small> TOWN HALL MEETING ELECTIONS INSTALLATION  YOM YERUSHALAYIM	6 <small>29 iyar</small>	7 <small>1 sivan</small>	8 <small>2 sivan</small>	9 <small>3 sivan</small> BOARD MEETING	10 <small>4 sivan</small>  COMMUNITY PRIDE SHABBAT & POTLUCK DINNER	11 <small>5 sivan</small>  SHAVUOT OBSERVED TNT WITH YIZKOR  Bemidbar EREV SHAVUOT
12 <small>6 sivan</small>   SHAVUOT	13 <small>7 sivan</small>  SHAVUOT YIZKOR	14 <small>8 sivan</small>  FLAG DAY	15 <small>9 sivan</small>	16 <small>10 sivan</small> LORDS TABLE	17 <small>11 sivan</small>  FNL	18 <small>12 sivan</small>   Naso
19 <small>13 sivan</small>  FATHERS DAY	20 <small>14 sivan</small>  SUMMER BEGINS	21 <small>15 sivan</small>	22 <small>16 sivan</small>	23 <small>17 sivan</small>	24 <small>18 sivan</small> 	25 <small>19 sivan</small>  ALIYA GLATT BAT MITZVAH  Beha'alotecha
26 <small>20 sivan</small>	27 <small>21 sivan</small>	28 <small>22 sivan</small>	29 <small>23 sivan</small>	30 <small>24 sivan</small>		



# Shabbat Information for the Month of May 2016

## Shabbat Acharei Mot

May 6-7 29 Nisan

Vayikra (Leviticus) 16:1-18:30

Friday evening candle lighting: 7:43

Saturday night Havdallah: 8:44

**Community Dinner 6:30 PM**

**Shabbat Short 'N Sweet Service**

**7:15 PM**

**Israel Independence Observed**

## Shabbat Emor

May 20-21 13 Iyar

Vayikra (Leviticus) 21:1-24:23

Friday evening candle lighting: 7:55

Saturday night Havdallah: 8:58

**Shabbat Short 'N Sweet Service**

**7:15 PM**

## Shabbat Kedoshim

May 13-14 6 Iyar

Vayikra (Leviticus) 19:1-20:27

Friday evening candle lighting: 7:49

Saturday night Havdallah: 8:51

**Shabbat Morning TNT Service**

**10:00 AM**

**Cantor Meeka Simerly**

## Shabbat Behar

May 27-28 20 Iyar

Vayikra (Leviticus) 25:1-26:2

Friday evening candle lighting: 8:00

Saturday night Havdallah: 9:04

**Shabbat at Home**



## Descriptions of Emeth Services

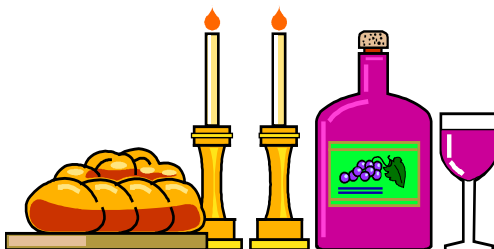
All evening services begin at 7:15 pm. All morning services begin at 10:00 am.

**\*Shabbat Morning Service/TNT Torah 'N T'filah:** This service includes reading the weekly Torah portion and a sermon or teaching from the Rabbi. It is a complete Shabbat service.

**\*Friday Night Live:** This Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) service highlights the music of Shabbat. It is a full Shabbat service (no Torah service) with a sermon or teaching from the Rabbi.

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# May Children & Youth Education Programs

## Tuesday Programs

May 3, 10, 17

### Hebrew School

4:30 -6:00 PM Classroom time

## Friday Programs

May 6, 13, 20

### Chai School

4:30-6:30 PM Classroom time

## Teen Programs

**See separate flyer attached**

For education program information, please contact  
Debbie Zajac at [admin@emeth.net](mailto:admin@emeth.net) or (408) 778-8200



# EMET DOR KEF (EMETH'S FUN GENERATION)

*Calendar for May 2016*

**We welcome our new Youth Advisor, Rachel Neto!**



## **CLASS with RABBI ISRAEL**

Rabbi Israel is teaching our new series. What is the Talmud? Who were the ancient Rabbis? How did Jewish law get developed? Can these teachings help us in modern times? We will discuss topics such as: Is it okay to lie? A "white lie" perhaps? If so, what are the circumstances when it might be okay? If you see a crime being committed, should you come forward as a witness? If not, why not? What do the Rabbis say about Capital Punishment?

Sunday, May 1, 4:00-5:30 PM - class

## **END OF YEAR OVERNIGHT AT THE RABBI'S HOUSE WITH RABBI AND RACHEL**

Friday night, May 20-Join the congregation for community dinner and Shabbat Short N Sweet. Following the oneg, we'll stay at temple for ice cream sundaes and overnight! Final EDK program until August!



SILICON VALLEY

# Yom HaShoah

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

*The Holocaust through the Eyes of the Third and Fourth Generations*

**Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 pm**

Congregation Sinai  
1532 Willowbrae Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95125

*Jewish students from around Silicon Valley,  
in their studies of the Holocaust,  
will design and conduct a moving memorial service  
on behalf of the community.*

### Cosponsored by



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of Silicon Valley  
Loyola Family Campus



**Congregation Emeth Invites You to a Fun Filled**

# ***Mah Jongg Tournament!***

Date: Wednesday, May 11th

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Congregation Emeth

17835 Monterey Street, Morgan Hill CA 95037

9:30 - 10:00 Welcome and Registration  
(Coffee and Bagels)

10:00 - 12:15 Mah Jongg Rounds 1 and 2

12:15 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 Mah Jongg Rounds 3 and 4

3:30 Prizes

Early-Bird Registration (prior to April 29th): \$40.00  
includes a full day of Mah Jongg, Lunch, Snacks and  
Prizes. (*Registration is \$45.00 after April 29th*)

Mail Registration Form with your check (payable to Congregation Emeth) to Susan Meyers 8460 Pharmer Road, Gilroy Ca 95020. Register by April 29th. Registration limited to first 32 received. Questions? Contact Susan at [smeyers.sjsu@gmail.com](mailto:smeyers.sjsu@gmail.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# yom ha'atzmaut

**Celebrate Israel's birthday  
with Artists 4 Israel**

**Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 1 pm  
Koret Field at the Levy Family Campus**

- **Artists 4 Israel will spray paint a community mural**
- **Spray paint your own t-shirt!**
- **Food & fun!**
- **Free t-shirt with early-bird registration before 4/18!**

## **prices:**

Register online at [jvalley.org](http://jvalley.org) until 5/2 for just \$5/person. Online registration closes after 5/2. \$10 per person and \$25 family max. at the door



**A community event funded by the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley**

**RSVP at [jvalley.org](http://jvalley.org)  
Questions: 408.357.7501**



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Please join us for the next

## **"Great Reads With a Jewish Theme"**

**Tuesday, May 17**

**7:00 PM**



The book to be discussed is

**Notorious RBG:**

**The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

**by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik**

All are welcome to join in this discussion,  
even if you have read none or only part of the book!

If you are purchasing the book, remember to do it through [Amazon Smile](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=ast_sml) so that  
Emeth will receive a portion of the proceeds!

RSVP to Wendy Thowdis via email [wtinsa@yahoo.com](mailto:wtinsa@yahoo.com)



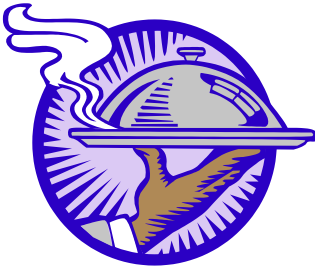
Congregation Emeth is committed to helping feed the needy  
on the third Thursday of each month

from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Lord's Table

St. Mary Catholic Parish

11 First Street, Gilroy



Our next date is: **May 19**

Children accompanied by parents are welcome!

For more information, contact Sandra Jackson

at [oursash@yahoo.com](mailto:oursash@yahoo.com)

**Friday, June 3, 6:30 PM**  
**A very special Shabbat evening at Emeth:**

Shabbat rituals around the dinner table

“Traditional” Shabbat potluck dinner. *Suggested* potluck contributions (all contributions are welcome of course): gefilte fish with horseradish, roasted chicken and/or brisket, noodle kugel, roasted potatoes, salads, non-dairy desserts.

**SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAM:**

Composer, Conductor, and Flutist Dr. Avi Eilam Amzallag,  
organizer and conductor of the celebrated  
Israeli Andalusian Orchestra,  
which performs [oriental \(Sefardic\) music](#).  
Avi will be playing his original flute compositions  
for a unique Shabbat experience





## Shabbat-in-the-Redwoods

# Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

**Mt. Madonna County Park / Redwood Grove**

## Save the Date!

10:30 am–12:00 pm	Shabbat Service
12:00 pm–12:45 pm	Family picnic (Bring your own food & a dessert to share)
12:45 pm– 2:15 pm	Study Session (TBA)

### **SHABBAT IN THE REDWOODS PARK INFORMATION**

Mt. Madonna County Park  
7850 Pole Line Rd  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
(408) 842-2341

This year we invite all congregants and their families to spend Shabbat with us on Friday night, August 5<sup>th</sup> as well as joining us for our Saturday program on August 6<sup>th</sup>. After a brief Shabbat service at 6:00 pm, we will share a potluck dinner in the woods. Camping overnight is encouraged, but not necessary to join us for Shabbat. The brief Shabbat service and meal will be held at Valley View #1 Campsite 120N. For more information contact Wendy Thowdis (wtinsa@yahoo.com)

To book a campsite go to: [www.gooutsideandplay.org](http://www.gooutsideandplay.org)

See the following website for a map of the park.

<http://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Documents/MtMadonnaGuideMap.pdf>





# SHABBAT HOSTS NEEDED

**For Summer!**

May 14 <sup>(2)</sup> - Cidon

June 3 <sup>(5)</sup>

June 11 <sup>(2)</sup> - Weyl

June 17 <sup>(3)</sup> -  
Thowdis/Kerner

July 8 <sup>(8)</sup>

July 22 <sup>(8)</sup>

August 6 <sup>(2)</sup> -  
Thowdis/Kerner

August 12 <sup>(3)</sup>

Please select at least one Shabbat service  
when your family will be the designated hosts.

The Shabbat hosts provide challah and flowers and time before and after the service for setup and cleanup. Why not select a special occasion (for example, anniversary and/or birthday) to host and celebrate with your Emeth family?

**Send your preference of date(s) to Debbie Zajac  
[admin@emeth.net](mailto:admin@emeth.net) or (408) 778-8200**



- Notes:**(1) Erev Shabbat Service  
(2) TNT (Torah 'N Tefilah) Morning Service  
(3) FNL Shabbat Service  
(4) TNT - Shabbat in the Redwoods  
(5) Shabbat Potluck Dinner  
(6) Purim Carnival and BBQ  
(7) Community Seder  
(8) Sunset Shabbat



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**\*Friday Night Live:** This Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) service highlights Kabbalat Shabbat, the introductory prayers. This is a high energy, musical, abbreviated service appropriate for children of all ages as well as adults. It is part of the Religious School curriculum. Prayers for healing and Mourners Kaddish are included. It is preceded by a potluck dinner with Shabbat rituals.

**\*TNT – Torah 'N T'filah:** This Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) service includes reading the weekly Torah portion and a sermon. It is a complete Shabbat service.

**\*Erev Shabbat Services:** Complete Friday evening services, without a Torah service.

**\*Shabbat at Home:** On certain weekends during the year, Congregation Emeth does not have community Shabbat services. Resources are available from the Congregation to facilitate a meaningful Shabbat dinner and Torah discussion in your home.

**\*Shabbat Morning Service:** A traditional Shabbat morning service with Torah and Haftarah readings, and Kiddush lunch to follow. Attire is synagogue traditional (business casual to semi-formal).

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

### MARCH 2016

*(donations received after March 31 will be acknowledged in the June flyers)*

Donations to Congregation Emeth are gratefully accepted. Our membership contributions cover only the minimum annual expenses, not the full costs of running a synagogue. Additional gifts are always needed to help keep our activities going.

Donations of money can be by either check or credit card. Donations can also be made in other forms such as property or securities (like appreciated stocks). All are of course tax deductible. Donation information and a form can be found on our website:

[http://www.emeth.net/images/PDFs/forms/donation\\_form.pdf](http://www.emeth.net/images/PDFs/forms/donation_form.pdf)

#### **ALLEN WISOTSKY EDUCATION FUND**

*The Scholarship Fund assists the children in our Beit Sefer (religious schools) with need-based tuition scholarships.*

Lindy Wisotsky

In memory of Buriss Weiss

In memory of Sam Wisotsky

In gratitude to Rabbi Israel

Marilyn & Barry Freund, in memory of Buriss Weiss

Patty & Jim Baggese

In honor of Hana Cidon's retirement

In memory of Buriss Weiss

#### **BETTY MEYER CAMBERSHIP FUND**

*Reform Jewish summer camps and trips to Israel are valuable means for children to reinforce their Jewish identity. Your contribution will help a student attend who might not otherwise have this opportunity.*

Marilyn & Barry Freund, in memory of Mollie Axelrod and Sarah Steinway

Patty & Jim Baggese

Speedy recovery for Joyce Maskell

Speedy recovery for Hilda Gallant

#### **BUILDING FUND**

*We have owned our own building since 2008. Your contribution will support physical improvements to the building and/or will help us pay down our mortgage. We also issue bonds to members and friends of Emeth. For more information about our Emeth bonds, please contact our president, [president@emeth.net](mailto:president@emeth.net).*

Cheryl Thompson, in memory of Rodney Abramson

#### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Kathy & Rick Coencas, capital campaign donation

Tracy & Scott Valentine, capital campaign donation

## **RACHAMIM FUND**

*Funds and defrays costs for our loving support of members by providing meals and other services for families in need, including new parents, members who are ill, and members who have sustained a loss of a loved one.*

Barbara Yazman & Paul Crompton, thank you to Marsha Novack

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

*Funds programs and equipment for the Religious School, helping to offset expenses not covered by school tuition*

Cheryl Thompson, Tzedakah donation

## **YOUTH GROUP (EMET DOR KEF)**

*Emet Dor Kef members annually participate in both a retreat and a field trip to Jewish Los Angeles. The teens work hard to raise funds to cover expenses for these special events, but your additional support will make a difference.*

Marilyn & Barry Freund, in memory of Diego Arriaga-Rodriguez

## **ADDITIONAL DONATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE** - *Donations to Adult Education support the creation of programs and courses of studies geared for adults. Annual mainstays for this program include adult Hebrew classes, Shabbat in the Redwoods Scholar in Resident, the Adult B'nai Mitzvah program, lectures and films.*

## **AUTOMOBILE DONATION**

**BEIT SEIFER SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - *The Scholarship Fund assists the children in our Beit Sefer, religious schools, with need-based tuition scholarships.*

## **BIMAH FUND**

**CEMETERY FUND** - *We maintain a Jewish section of a local cemetery. Your donation will go toward upkeep of the cemetery.*

## **COMMUNITY DINNER DONATIONS**

*Part of Emeth's culture is coming together for a Shabbat potluck or community dinner twice a month, prior to Shabbat Short 'N Sweet services. Your contribution enables us to continue this community building.*

## **GENERAL FUND**

*Contributions to this fund offset everyday operating expenses for religious school, adult education, youth activity, ritual, programming, etc. thus keeping dues and tuition lower.*

## **HIGH HOLIDAY DONATION**

*Our High Holiday liturgy reminds us that we have the power and obligation to make a positive difference in the world by performing acts of tzedakah, righteousness. Your contribution to High Holiday donations will help enhance our vibrant congregation in the ongoing work of our Rabbi, our educational programs, and maintenance of our sanctuary.*

## **HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZOR**

## **KARI MUNOWITCH MEMORIAL**



**LIBRARY FUND** - *This fund helps maintain our library and enables us to purchase new books for children and adults.*

**LORD'S TABLE**

**OUTREACH**

**PLAYGROUND**

**PRAYER BOOK**

*This fund purchases new worship materials, including our Shabbat prayerbook, Mishkan T'fila and the new Reform High Holiday Machzor.*

**RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*This fund enables our Rabbi to make donations to people in need, arrange for programs that she deems worthy, and contribute to other charitable causes she wishes to support. The fund is never used for the Rabbi's personal benefit.*

**RITUAL FUND** - *Provides funding for cantorial soloists, purchasing supplies to build our Sukkah, and offering special holiday programs, such as our Purim carnival and Chanukah community celebration.*

**SISTERHOOD**

*Sisterhood assists with special holiday receptions, develops a booklet to assist families with upcoming bar/bat mitzvah celebrations, offers programs to the women of Congregation Emeth, and provides philanthropic support to a variety of causes. Donations help fund each year's programs.*

**SOCIAL ACTION**

*This committee supports a broad range of activities to help enable congregants to repair the world including serving a monthly meal at the Lord's Table for the homeless.*

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**TORAH FUND**

*Congregation Emeth has two Torahs. Funds are occasionally needed for repairs to our sacred scrolls.*

**WINE EVENT DONATION**